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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Robert Shiao

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on responses filed on 09/23, 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-17 and 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application claims benefit of the provisional applications: 60/295,428 with a filing date 06/01/2001.
2. Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Responses to Election/Restriction

3. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I claims 1-7, and 18, in part, in the response filed on September 23, 2004, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the grounds that (1) Groups I-XI share a common utility of instant compounds; and (2) no serious burden for searching Groups I-XI. This is not found persuasive and reasons are given, *infra*.

Status of the Claims

4. Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. The scope of the invention of the elected subject matter is as follows:

Claims 1-7, 18, in part, drawn to a compound/composition of formula (I), wherein variables X and Y independently represent N thereof, the variable Z represents C thereof; the variable A is a 6-membered (i.e., saturated) ring containing 6 carbon atoms thereof; the variable R² and R³ do not form a heterocycle or heteroaryl; variables R¹, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are as defined in claim 1.

The above mentioned withdrawn compounds which are withdrawn from consideration as being for non-elected subject matter differ materially in structure and composition from the compounds of the elected invention. The withdrawn

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compounds contain varying functional groups heterocycle of variable R^2 and R^3 or 5- to 7-membered ring of the variable A which differ from those of the elected invention such as piperazine, morpholine, pyridazine, pyrimidine, thiazole, oxazole, piperidine, etc, which are chemically recognized to differ in structure and function. This recognized chemical diversity of the functional groups can be seen by the various classification of these functional groups in the U.S. classification system, i.e., class 544 subclass 358(+) (piperazine), class 544 subclass 106(+) (morpholine), class 544 subclass 224 (+) (pyridazine), class 544 subclass 242 (+) (pyrimidine), class 548 subclass 146(+) (thiazole), class 548 subclass 215(+) (oxazole), class 546 subclass 184(+) (piperidine), etc. Therefore, again, the compounds which are withdrawn from consideration as being for non-elected subject matter differ materially in structure and composition and have been restricted properly.

The Markush group set forth in the claims includes both independent and distinct inventions, and patentably distinct compounds (or species) within each invention. However, this application discloses and claims a plurality of patentably distinct inventions far too numerous to list individually. Moreover, each of these inventions contains a plurality of patentably distinct compounds, also far too numerous to list individually. For these reasons provided below, restriction to one of the following Groups is required under 35 U.S.C. 121, wherein an Group is a set of patentably distinct inventions of a broad statutory category (e.g. Compounds, Methods of Use, Methods of Making, etc.).

The inventions are independent and distinct because there is no

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patentable co-action between the groups and a reference anticipating one member will not render another obvious. Each group is directed to art recognized divergent subject matter which require different searching strategies for each group. Moreover, the examiner must perform a commercial database search on the subject matter of each group in addition to a paper search, which is quite burdensome to the examiner.

The invention claims 1-7, and 18, in part, embraced in above elected subject matter are prosecuted in the case. Claims 1-7, and 18, in part, not embraced in above elected subject matter, and claims 8-17, and 19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made **FINAL**.

Objection

5. Claims 1-7, and 18 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter heterocycle, i.e., heterocycle of variable R^2 and R^3 or 5- to 7-membered ring containing one heteroatom chosen from NR^7 , O, or S of the variable A. It is suggested that applicants amend the claims to the scope of the elected subject matter as defined on the page 2 *supra*.

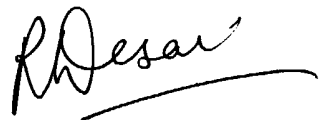
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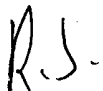
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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